

COMMISSION on AGING

Minutes of October 20, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Bigl (2015), Bev Korba (2017), Bettejane Karnes (2014), Steve Kegler (2015), Jennifer Hoskins, Nancy Trawick Smith, Don Nolan (2014)

Members absent: Laurie McMorrow (2014)

STAFF: Cindy Dainton, Sr. CTr. Supervisor, Pat Schneider, Human Services Director, Estelle Elliott, Sen. Ctr. Assoc. Pres.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Martina Wharton, Juniper Hill, Estelle Elliott, Wright's Way.
Guest: Alfred Fratoni, Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes of September 8, 2014 were reviewed and accepted as read.

Will reported that Emile Poirier will no longer be Jensen's representative to the Commission due to health issues. Judy Bigl will be his replacement starting immediately. Bev offered to write Emile a letter of thanks on behalf of all the members for his contribution to the COA.

Community Reports Report of upcoming events at Juniper Hill given by Martina Wharton. Estelle Elliott gave report for Wright's Way stating a survey was completed by residents regarding the choice of material to be used for a sound barrier along route 275. No decision has been made as yet. Bev Korba reported on recent break-ins at Glen Ridge and encouraged everyone to lock their doors. Will gave out the non-emergency tel. # that can be used instead of 911.

Will presented applications submitted by Martina Wharton and Alfred Fratoni Jr who are both wishing to fill the vacant seat on the COA. Martina and Alfred were present and gave a brief review of their resumes to the members. The Committee on Committees will meet and make their recommendation to the Town Council following their next scheduled meeting.

Director of Human Services report: Senior Center is fully staffed at present. Applications for a substitute Site Supervisor and a part-time van driver are being reviewed at this time.

Cindy and Pat are planning to work on a self-assessment review for accreditation. They will be looking at nine National Standards and this should take up to eighteen months.

Senior Center Supervisor- Cindy reported there are presently four applications to be reviewed for the Site Services position and stressed the importance of hiring another part-time van driver. There are only two working in this capacity at the present time.

Cindy and Pat reported on the number of improvements needed to bring the Senior Center building up to code.

- New siding
- Rebuilding retaining wall
- Outdated heating and cooling features

The possibility of a new building in the future is not a realistic goal however members agreed that a feasibility plan should be reviewed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the new list of meeting dates for 2015 handed out to all members.

Annual report was reviewed and “assistive hearing technology” was deleted under Accomplishments.

All members reviewed and accepted the letter of thanks, written by Will, to the Town Council for their quick response to our request for a seated bus shelter on route 275. It has been ordered and will be installed before inclement weather.

Next meeting date will be November 17, 2014 @ 9:30 am in the Craft room at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned @

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Korba, secretary

